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MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST (MAC) LIST

Effective July 1, 2006, there will no longer be a mark-up included in the MAC price. The MAC will continue to be based on the lowest price in the category (excluding special MACs). Enclosed is a copy of the new Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) List, **effective July 1, 2006**. Please note that the prices underlined are effective July 1, 2006.

Actual Acquisition Cost (AAC) will be paid for all *new* categories indicated by the black box, until July 1, 2006.

Listed below are MAC categories for which the lowest priced brand is currently unavailable due to shortage by the manufacturer. *Effective immediately*, the products indicated below will be paid at AAC. As the lower priced brands become available the established MAC price will be reinstated.

ACETAMINOPHEN 325mg & OXYCODONE 5mg Tab
00608165 ratio-Oxycocet RPH

AMOXICILLIN & ENZYME INHIBITOR 250mg/mL Susp
01916874 Clavulin-250F GSK

ERYTHROMYCIN BASE 333mg Cap
00873454 ERYC PFI

PHENYTOIN 25mg/mL Susp
00023450 Dilantin-125 PFI

SPECIAL MAC

The following categories have been added to the MAC list as a special MAC, effective July 1, 2006.

ONDANSETRON 4mg ODT Tab
02239372 Zofran GSK 8.3837

ONDANSETRON 8mg ODT Tab
02239373 Zofran GSK 12.7962

CORRECTION

Losec® 20mg Capsule (DIN 00846503) was indicated as discontinued in the Pharmacist Bulletin Vol. # 06-07. However, Astra Zeneca Canada Inc. has advised that this product is still marketed. Please note that this product is not insured under the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs and will be noted as such in the next Nova Scotia Formulary.

NEW NURSE PRACTITIONERS

The following nurse practitioners have been added to this group of prescribers.

Mary Rosalind Benoit (License #716831)
Jacquelyn Garden-Jayasinghe (License #724009)
Duana Lynn Wheatley (License #723502)

Please retain for your reference. See the Nova Scotia Formulary for Pharmacare benefits which can be insured if prescribed by nurse practitioners.

INCLUDED WITH THIS BULLETIN:

- New Diabetic Products
- Discontinued Products and DIN Changes
- Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) List, effective July 1, 2006

NEW DIABETIC PRODUCTS

The following products are "New Listings to the Nova Scotia Formulary" effective July 1, 2006. The benefit status of each product within the Nova Scotia Pharmacare Programs is indicated.

<u>DIN</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>BENEFIT STATUS</u>
97799770	iTest Blood Glucose Test Strips (50)	ACM	SF*
97799767	iTest Lancets 33g (100)	ACM	SF*
97799766	iTest Lancets 28g (100)	ACM	SF*
97799991	Unifine Pen Needles 29g x 12mm (100)	ACM	SF
97799993	Unifine Pen Needles 31g x 6mm (100)	ACM	SF
97799992	Unifine Pen Needles 31g x 8mm (100)	ACM	SF

*Special MAC applies

DISCONTINUED DIABETIC PRODUCTS

The respective manufacturers have given notification of the discontinuation of the products listed below. These products will continue to be insured until existing stock is depleted but will be removed from future formulary pages.

<u>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PIN</u>	<u>MFR</u>
Ames Lancets (200)	97799919	BAY
MPD Thin Lancets (200)	97799811	MPD
MPD Ultra Thin Lancets (200)	97799808	MPD
Prestige Blood Glucose Test Strips (50/100)	00977037	THR

DIN CHANGES TO INTERCHANGEABLE PRODUCTS - Effective July 1, 2006

The respective manufacturer has given notification of the following change in DIN and product formulation. The new DIN is approved for interchangeability in the existing category. The old DIN will continue to be insured until existing stock is depleted but will be removed from future formulary pages.

	<u>Product</u>	<u>MFR</u>	<u>OLD DIN</u>	<u>NEW DIN</u>
SIMVASTATIN 5mg Tab	pms-Simvastatin	PMS	02252619	02269252
SIMVASTATIN 10mg Tab	pms-Simvastatin	PMS	02252635	02269260
SIMVASTATIN 20mg Tab	pms-Simvastatin	PMS	02252643	02269279
SIMVASTATIN 40mg Tab	pms-Simvastatin	PMS	02252651	02269287
SIMVASTATIN 80mg Tab	pms-Simvastatin	PMS	02252678	02269295

